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1. ☐ Filing Fee
2. ☒ Specification  
26 page(s) of specification; 8 page(s) of claims, 1 page(s) of abstract
3. ☒ Drawings  
Informal Figure(s) 1-14 on 11 sheet(s)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
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  - ☐ Copy from a prior application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
Deletion of Inventor(s) (in continuation or divisional applications):
    - ☐ Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:
    - ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a signed sheet attached hereto.
5. ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application referred to above is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - ☐ Computer Readable copy
  - ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
8. ☐ Assignment Papers
9. Power of Attorney
  - ☐ Is attached.
  - ☐ The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.
  - ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

☐ Copies of IDS Citations

11. Amendments

☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

☐ Cancel in this application claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: \_\_\_\_\_.

12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

13. Small Entity Status

☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.

☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ Is no longer claimed.

14. ☐ Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d)

15. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time

16. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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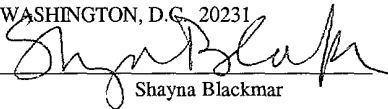
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